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**RICO-ARGENTINE MINE SITE**

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LIMITED POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY SEARCH  
REPORT**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On September 19, 2000, Toeroek Associates, Inc. (Toeroek) received work assignment (WA) No. 2ESS-99-0029 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8, under Enforcement Support Services 2 (2ESS) Contract No. 68-W-99-050. The WA requires Toeroek to perform a limited potentially responsible party (PRP) search on the Rico-Argentine Mine site located near the town of Rico, Colorado.

### **1.1 Background**

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**1.2 Report Objective and Section Description**

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**2.0 WORK SUMMARY**

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3.0 CURRENT OWNERSHIP TABLE  
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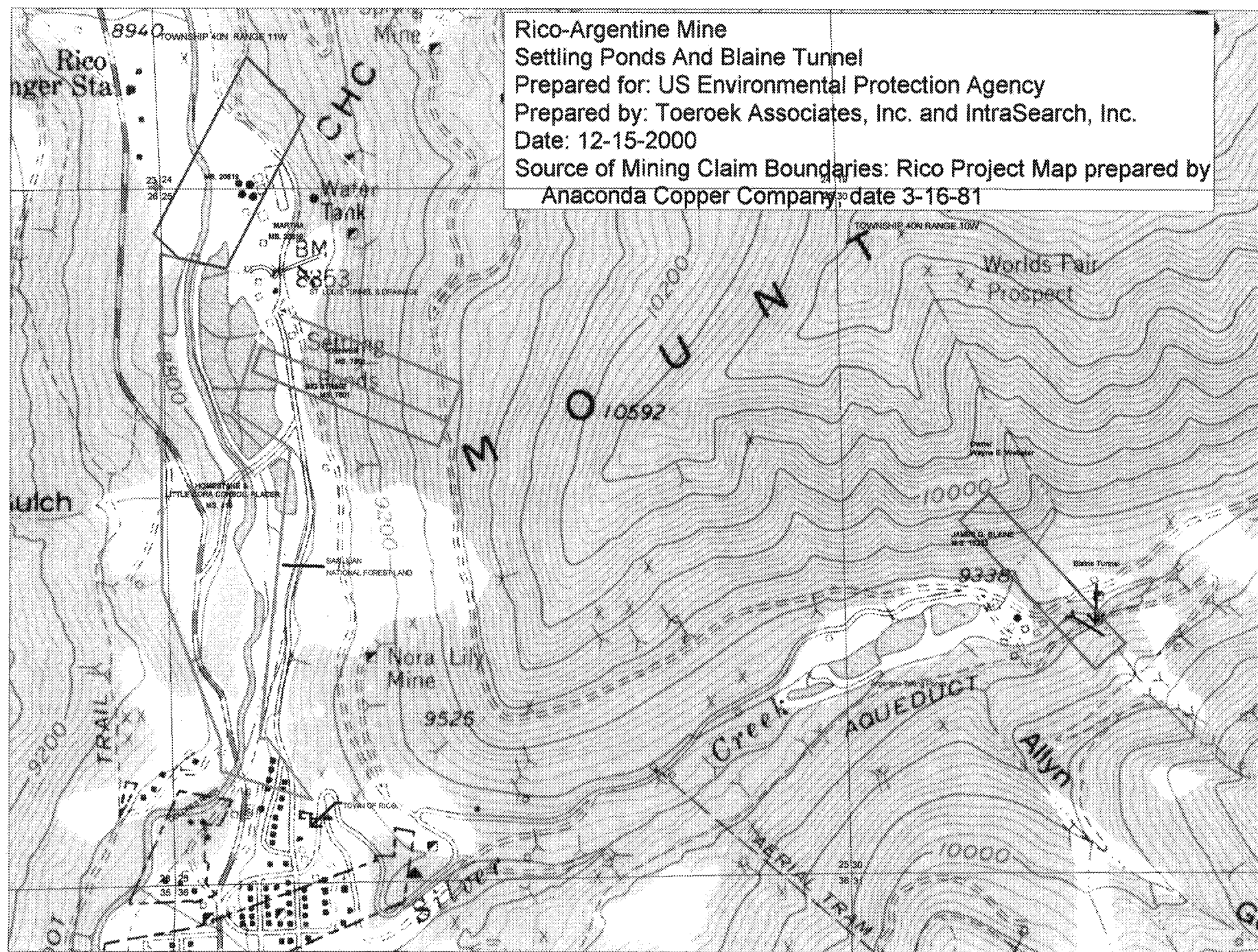
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## **4.0 MAPS**



MAP 1



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## **APPENDIX B**

### **SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Source of photos and descriptions:**

**Site Visit, Rico Argentine Mine, October 18, 1984 (A01-0004)**

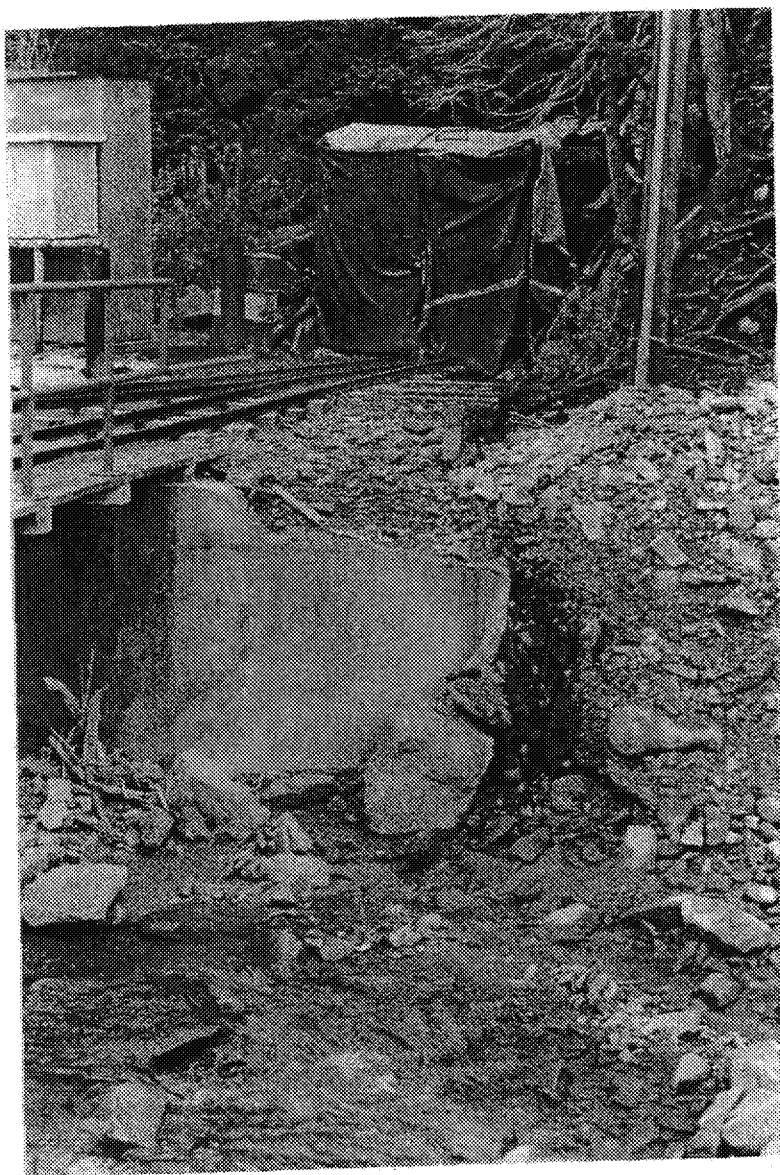


PHOTO 1: SILVER CREEK IN FOREGROUND AND BLAINE TUNNEL IN BACKGROUND. NOTE DISCHARGE FROM BLAINE TUNNEL INTO SILVER CREEK.

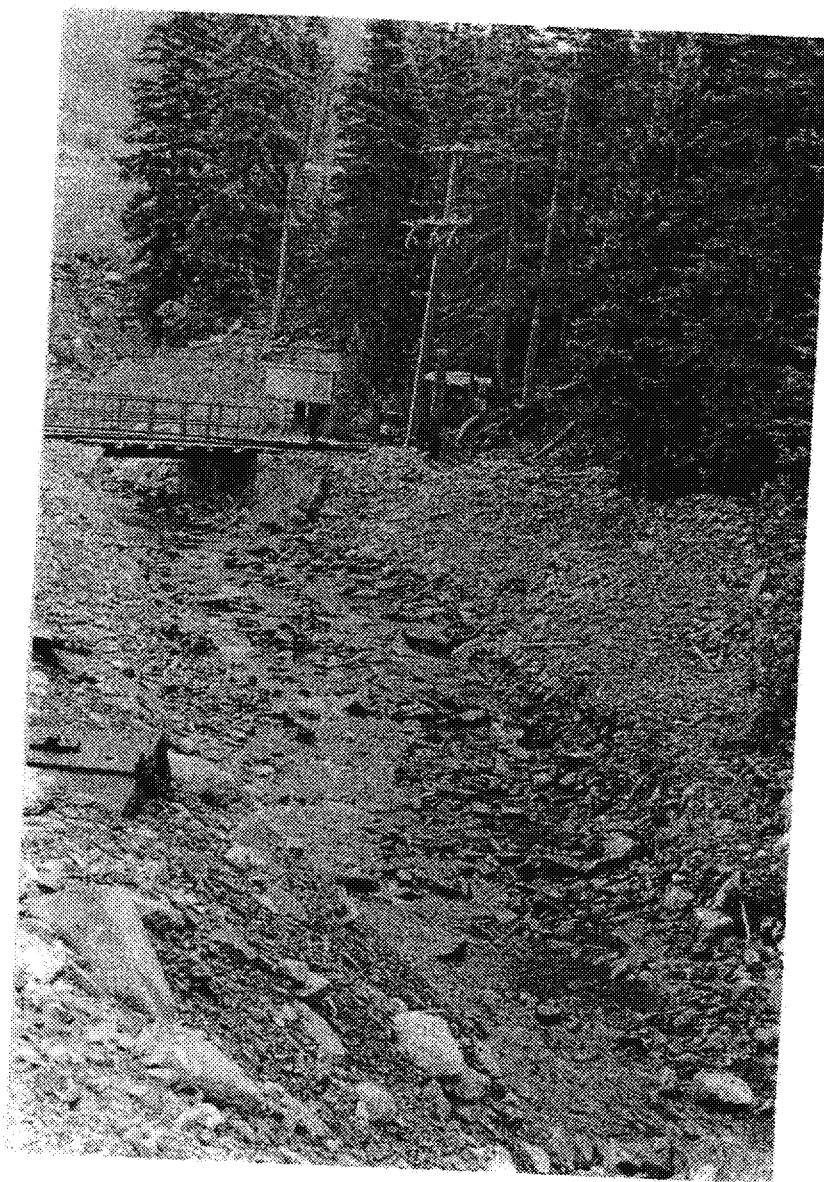


PHOTO 3: SILVER CREEK BELOW BLAINE TUNNEL.  
NOTE IRON STAINING ON ROCKS.

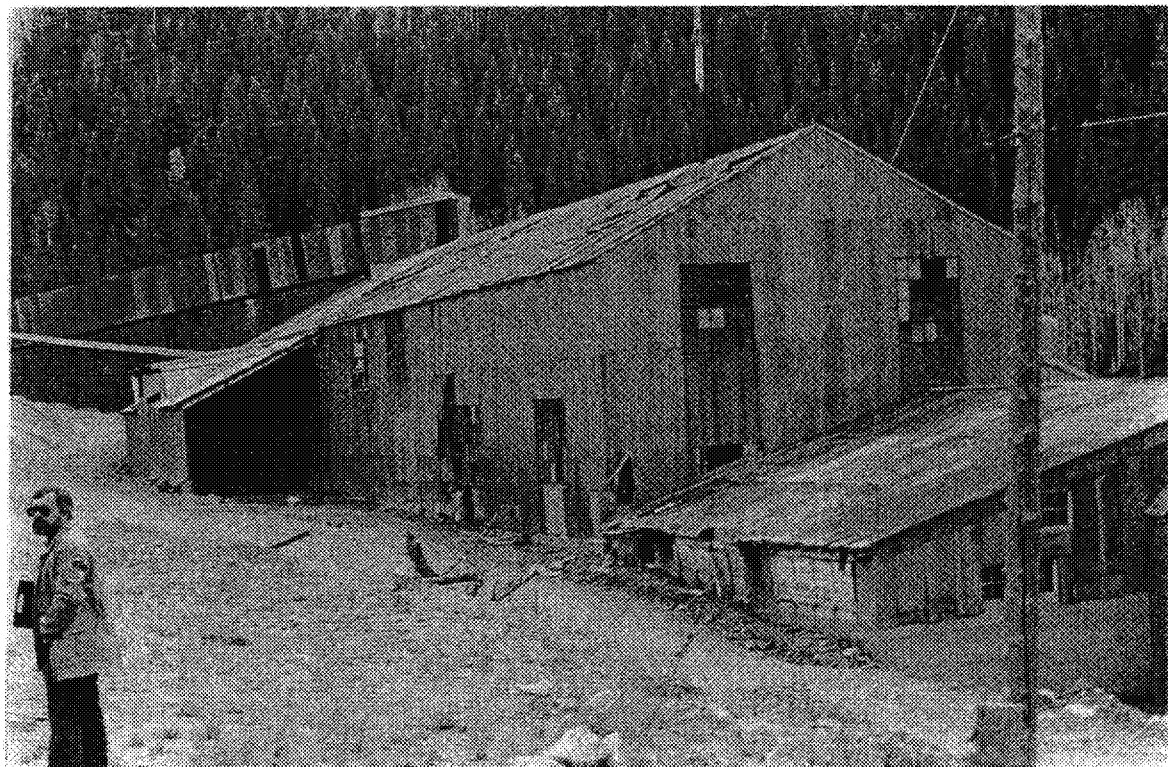


PHOTO 6: THE INACTIVE RICO-ARGENTINE MILL IN THE SILVER CREEK AREA.

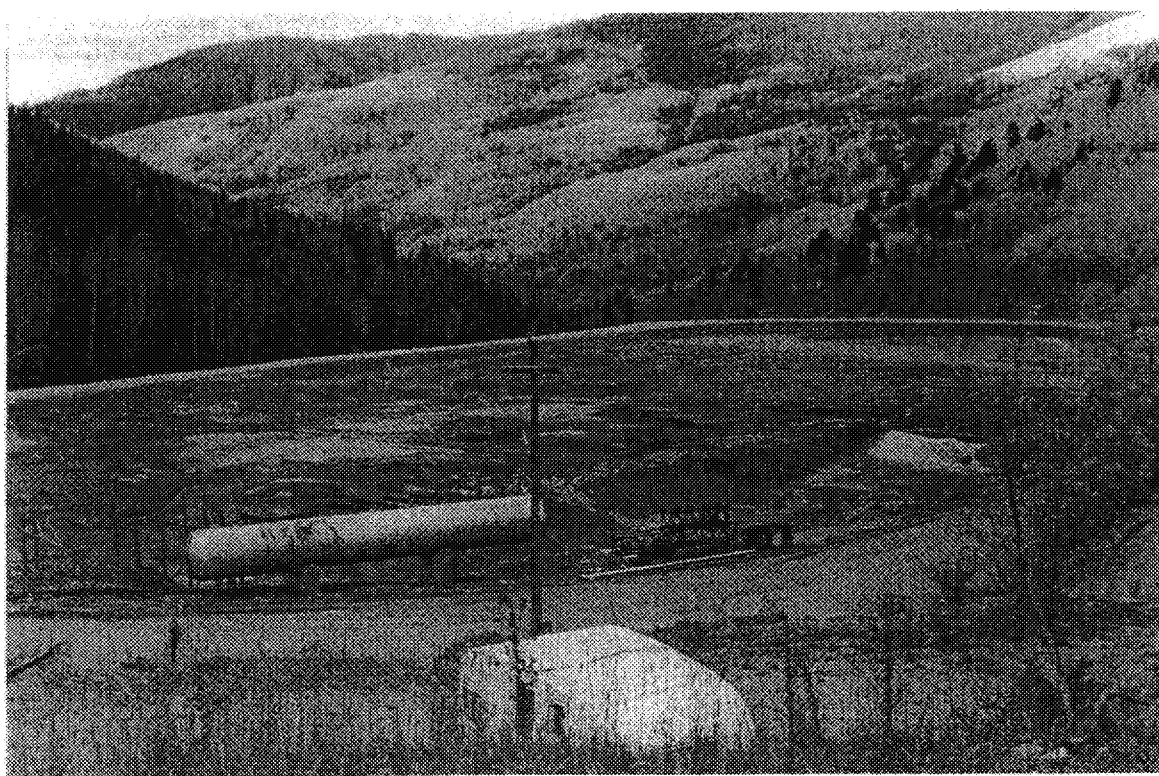


PHOTO 7: VIEW OF RICO-ARGENTINE'S UPPER TAILINGS PONDS LOOKING FROM THE MILL.



PHOTO 11: (RIGHT) THE ST. LOUIS  
ADDIT WHICH RECEIVES  
DISCHARGE FROM BLAINE  
TUNNEL THROUGH THE  
UNDERGROUND ST. LOUIS  
TUNNEL SYSTEM. THE  
ADDIT IS IN THE  
DOLORES RIVER AREA.

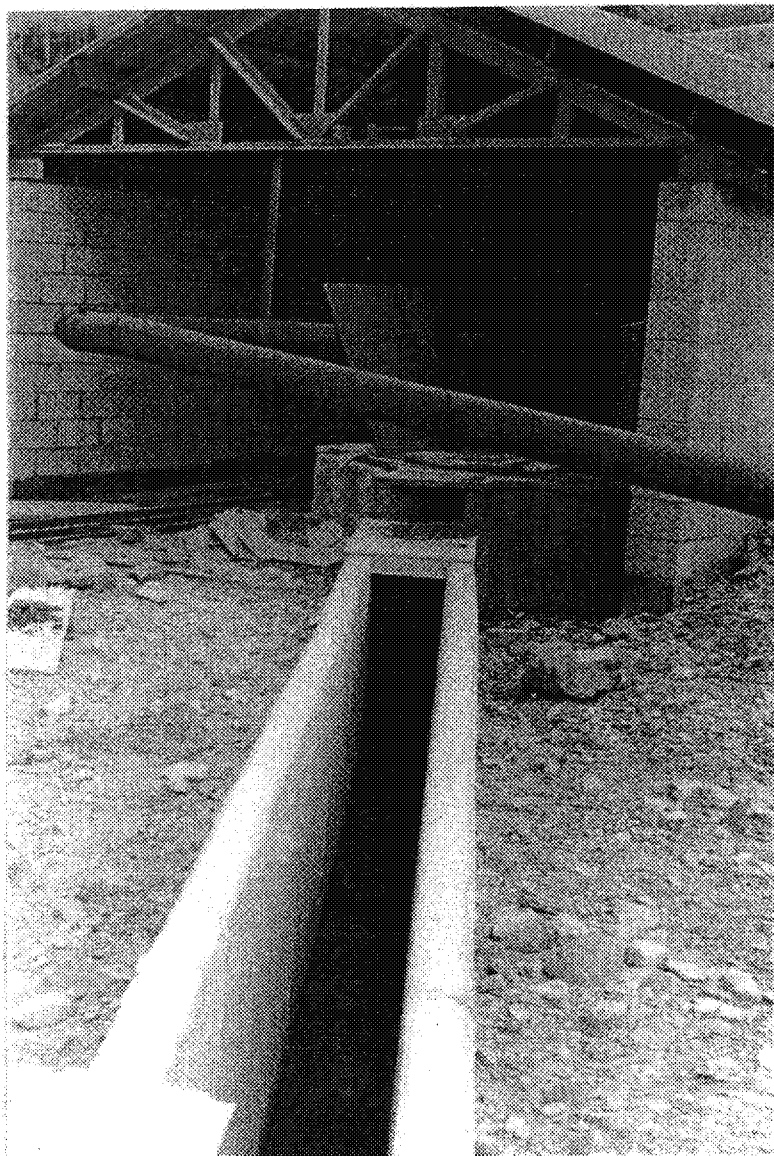
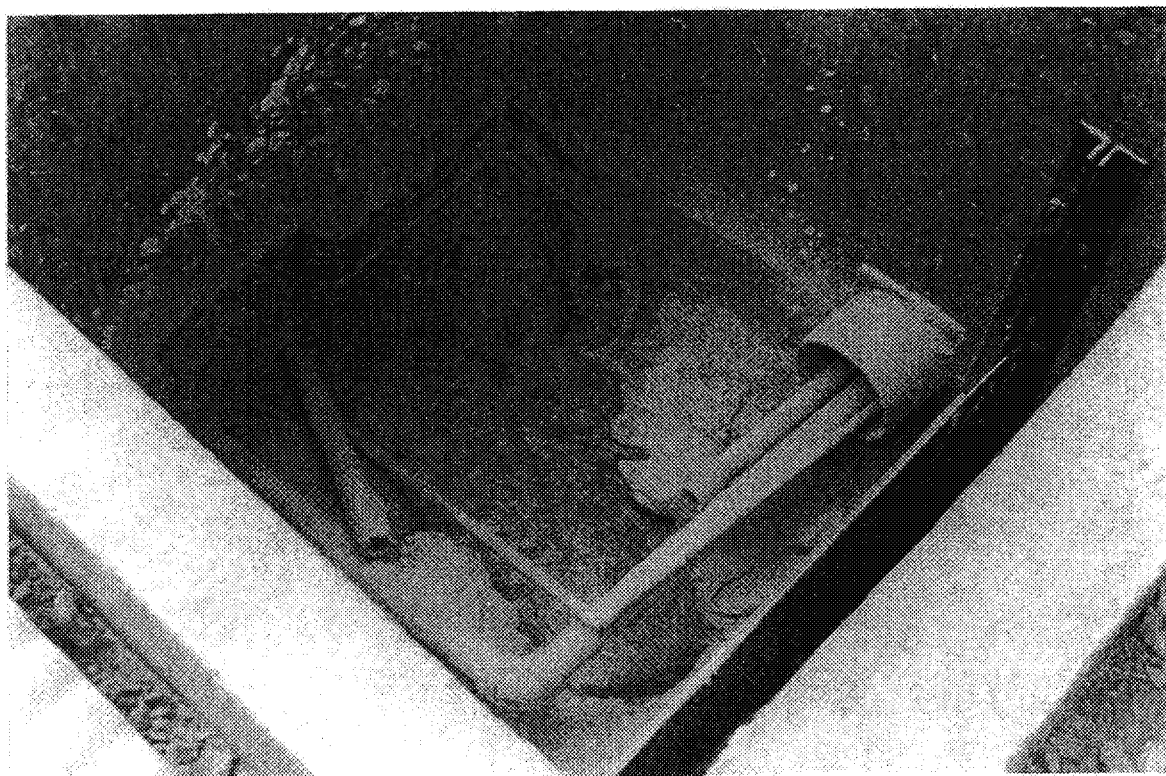


PHOTO 12: (BELOW) MILK OF LIME BEING  
ADDED TO THE ST. LOUIS  
ADDIT DISCHARGE.



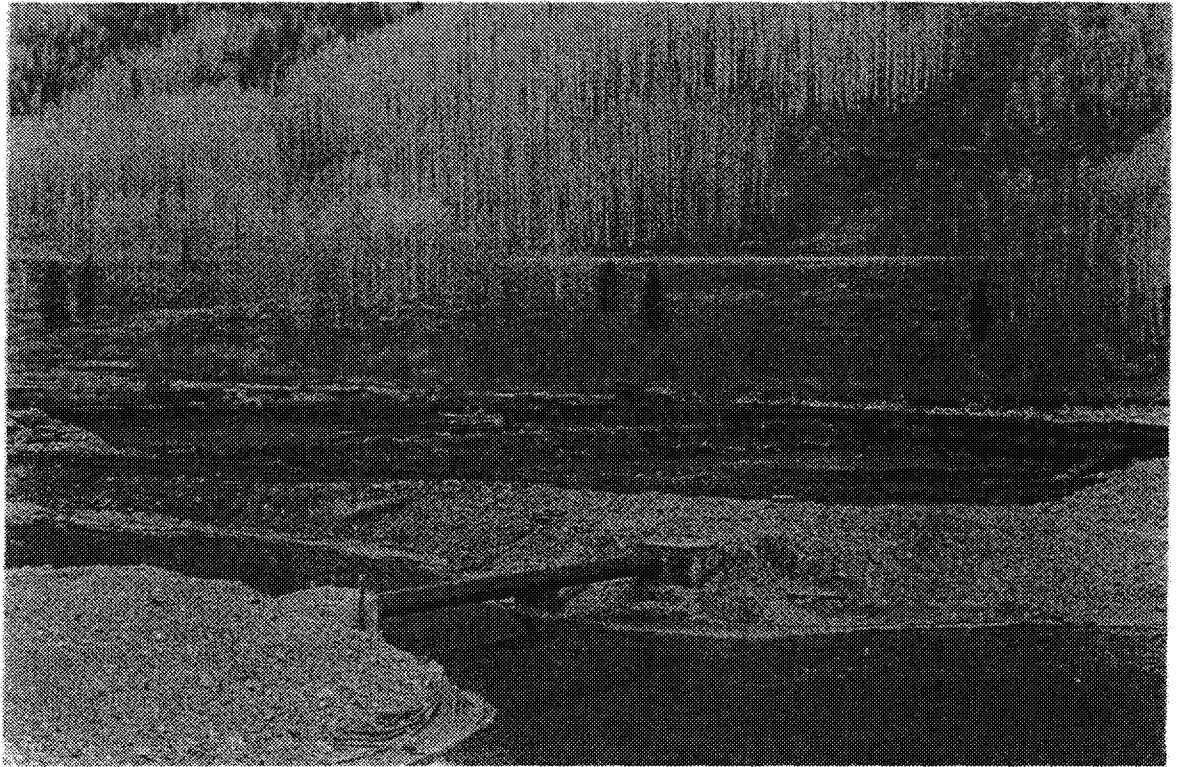


PHOTO 15: CALCINE PONDS ON DOLORES RIVER BEING DREDGED.

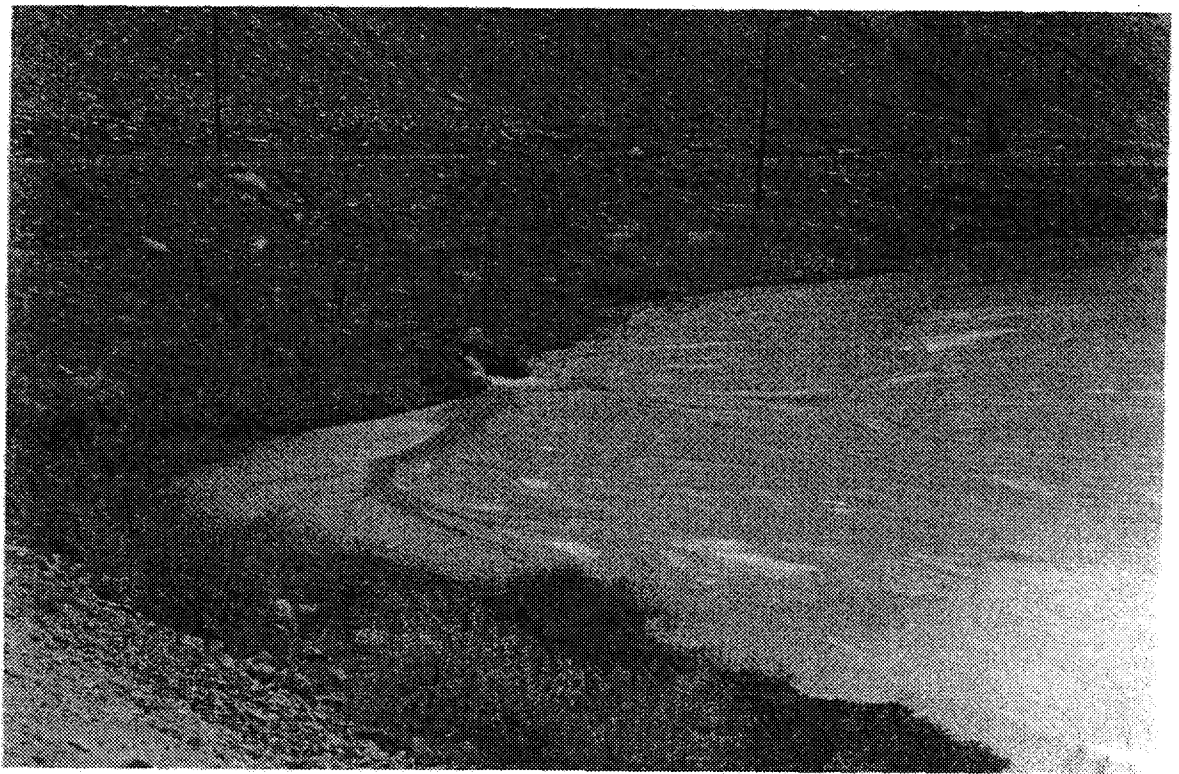


PHOTO 16: TREATED MINE WATER BEING DISCHARGED INTO UPPER  
SETTLING PONDS ON DOLORES RIVER.